Funds for Commonwealth Games

1261. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are grappling with finances of the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cost of hosting games is likely to increase from Rs. 634 crores to Rs. 800 crores; and

(c) if so, the details of the spending mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHIVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) At the time of Government approval for Commonwealth Games bid in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs. 399.05 crore which included Rs. 150.00 crores for infrastructure. Besides, cost of construction of Games Village was projected at Rs. 186.00 crore and construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority at Rs. 32.50 crore.

However, recently Organising Committee for Commonwealth Games, 2010 (OC) has submitted estimated expenditure of Rs. 802.23 crores (excluding upgradation of infrastructure). Similarly, Government of NCT has submitted with an estimate of Rs. 1314 crores for upgrading of civic infrastructure in Delhi. The budget requirement of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) would depend on finalisation of disciplines and decision on the options pertaining to Games Village.

(c) After the approval of the proposals by the Group of Ministers and the competent authority, the concerned agencies, namely, Government of NCT of Delhi for civic infrastructure, SAI & DDA for sports infrastructure and Games Village and OC for conduct of the Games will execute the respective works/activities.

Doping Test

1262. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is set to put the anti doping programme on fast track but the major problem in checking doping has been absence of the right personnel in Government; and